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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Director

The Deputy Director

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FROM:

Acting Director or Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT:

Weekly Report

Intelligence Oversight Legislation: The minority staff of the House Intelligence Committee has indicated that the Committee may mark up the Intelligence Oversight bill as early as 18 April. We are still working with the Committee staff to iron out our last few problems with the language of the bill (apart from the "48-hour" provisions). Following action by the Intelligence Committee, the bill will be considered by the Foreign Affairs Committee. The minority staff has indicated that the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Dante Fascell, remains upset that no Foreign Affairs Committee Members were selected to fill the recent vacancies on the Intelligence Committee. Accordingly, the staff speculates that Fascell may show his displeasure with Chairman Stokes by not moving quickly on the Intelligence Oversight bill. However, when the Foreign Affairs Committee does act, it is certain that a majority will support the bill.

New Membership on House Intelligence Committee: The staff of the House Intelligence Committee informs us that Dan Lungren, a Minority Member of the Committee, still intends to resign from the Congress even though he did not get appointed to the position he was seeking with the state government in California. Representative William Dickinson (R-AL), the Ranking Minority Member on the Armed Services Committee, has expressed strong interest in filling the next vacancy. In the past, he has shown himself to be inquisitive and aggressive on intelligence matters.

More on Narcotics: As Senator Kerry continues his hearings on international narcotics trafficking, Senator Nunn's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations has also begun an inquiry along similar lines, with the major focus to be on the involvement of foreign leaders. We will be providing finished intelligence and briefings to the staff. Still elsewhere on the narcotics front, Senator Chiles will soon request a briefing on narcotics production and interdiction matters. His staff says that Chiles and other Democratic Senators will press for additional legislation related to narcotics between now and the election.

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